

CONFERENCE PUTS ITSELF ON RECORD

Urges Congress to Take Steps
for Upbuilding of Mer-
chant Marine.

ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY

Without American Ships, Pan-
ama Canal Will Fall Short of
Possible Benefits.

Atlanta, Ga., December 11.—Legisla-
tion designed to accomplish the re-
habilitation of the American merchant
marine will be sought from Congress
by the Southern Panama Canal Con-
ference, which was formally organized
here to-day.

In the face of spirited opposition
from Frank P. Glass, editor of the
Birmingham News, the conference
adopted the following resolutions at
the close of its first meeting:

"Whereas the Panama Canal, built
by American enterprise and capital,
will fall immeasurably short of its
possible benefits to American com-
merce unless American ships exist to
use it.

Therefore, be it resolved, by the
Southern Panama Canal Conference, in
session in Atlanta, December 10-11,
that we respectfully urge that the
Congress of the United States formu-
late and carry into effect at the earli-
est possible moment definite and prac-
tical legislation which will give all
necessary and reasonable encourage-
ment to the American merchant mar-
ine and American commerce with
foreign commerce, and be it further

"Resolved, That the executive com-
mittee of the Southern Panama Canal
Conference be, and are hereby in-
structed, to transmit this resolution
to the President of the United States
and the members of Congress, and use
all other necessary methods to see that
the intent of this resolution is car-
ried into effect by the Congress of the
United States."

Mr. Glass objected to the resolution
on the ground that it would put the
conference on record as advocating
ship subsidy, a proposition founded
upon the fundamental principle of
protection, which he said the people
of the United States had rejected.

Samuel G. Douglas, of Nashville, who
offered the resolution, denied that it
carried an endorsement of ship sub-
sidy.

"Say that in the resolution and I

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will withdraw my objection," said Mr.
Glass.

Mr. Douglas retorted that he did not
object to ship subsidy if Congress de-
termined such legislation was neces-
sary to bring about the desired end.
What he wanted, he said, was some
action by Congress to encourage the
building of American merchant ships.
He agreed, however, to modify the
original resolution, which read, "we
demand and insist" legislation, so as
to read, "we respectfully urge."

Earnest speeches in support of the
resolution were made by M. B. Treze-
vant, secretary of the New Orleans
Progressive Union, D. M. Stewart, of
the Chattanooga Manufacturers As-
sociation; A. H. Dabman, secretary of
the Navy League; Leland Hume, of
Nashville, and J. G. Weatherly, sec-
retary of the Brunswick, Ga., Chamber
of Commerce.

President W. W. Finlay, of the
Southern Railway, told the conference
that he thought it unwise to make any
demands of a new administration be-
fore it had assumed control of the
government. He wanted it under-
stood, however, that he was not op-

posed to any movement looking to the
upbuilding of the merchant marine.
Discussion of the iron and steel in-
dustry and the Panama Canal was
led by John W. Sibley, of the Birming-
ham Chamber of Commerce. E. J.
Watson, Commissioner of Agriculture
for South Carolina, addressed the
conference on the benefits to be de-
rived by agriculture in the South
from the opening of the canal.
The conference adjourned to meet
again on the call of the President.

Payne-Kent.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Fredericksburg, Va., December 11.—
Crismond Payne and Miss Lucy Kent,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kent,
of Spotsylvania County, were married
at the home of the bride, Rev. S. H.
Johnson performing the ceremony.
They will reside in Richmond.

Mapp-Greene.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Robert Mapp and Miss Beattie
Greene, daughter of Mrs. W. Greene,
of Mathews County, were married at
the home of the bride, Rev. J. C. Walker performing the
ceremony.

STATE MILITIA TO BE INSPECTED

All Property Must Be Strictly
Accounted For to National
Government.

SPECIAL REPORTS WANTED

Dates Announced for Visits by
Captain Partello to Local
Commands.

Announcement was made yesterday
of the itinerary of the 1913 United
States inspections of the Virginia
Volunteers, conducted annually under
the direction of the War Department.
The officer on duty will be Captain
J. K. Partello, inspector-instructor
with the National Guard of this State.
Each command will be inspected at
8 o'clock on the night of the pre-
scribed date, unless otherwise direct-
ed. Olive drab service uniforms will
be worn, with web cartridge belt and
bayonet. All public military property,
including books and papers, will be
inspected at 10 o'clock in the morning
of the same day.

Must Account For Property.
In his order, Adjutant-General W.
W. Sale says: "As the laws of this
State and orders from this office re-
quire that all public military property
be kept in armories and not taken
therefrom except for military pur-
poses, no excuse will be accepted for
the absence from armories of any
property at this inspection, and prop-
erty so absent will be treated as
shortages. All discrepancies found to
exist between the inventory reports
submitted at the 1912 inspections by
Captain George F. Baltzell, and the
inspections made under the provisions
of this order, will be charged against
the organization for expenses."
Brigade, regimental and battalion
headquarters will be similarly inspec-
ted, and are subject to the same require-
ments as companies. Field, staff and
non-commissioned staff officers will
report for inspection at regimental or
battalion headquarters, or to such
other organizations as may be desig-
nated by the commanding officer.

Special Reports.
General Sale orders Captain Partello
to report especially upon the follow-
ing matters:

1. Supplies needed by each organiza-
tion to properly equip it for field ser-
vice.
2. If all property on hand has been
properly cared for.
3. Facilities for taking care of public
military property, whether rooms
are properly ventilated and aired;
whether same are secure from unau-
thorized entry, free from dust, damp-
ness or other unwarranted exposure
to the elements.
4. If criticisms or defects and sug-
gestions for improvements as made by
the assistant inspector-general, Vir-
ginia Volunteers, at last State inspec-
tion, have been acted upon.
5. What progress has been made in
small arms drill.
6. Condition of armory.
7. Any other matter which may be
considered pertinent and of special
interest to this office.

Detailed Itinerary.

The itinerary is as follows:
Winchester, January 6, 1913, Com-
pany I, Second Infantry.
Strasburg, January 7, 1913, Com-
pany K, Second Infantry.
Harrisonburg, January 8, 1913, Com-
pany H, Second Infantry.
Front Royal, January 9, 1913, Head-
quarters First Battalion, and Company
D, Second Infantry.
Luray, January 10, 1913, Head-
quarters Second Infantry.
Petersburg, January 20, 1913, Head-
quarters Second Battalion, and Com-
pany G, Second Infantry.
Chase City, January 21, 1913, Com-
pany E, Second Infantry.
Danville, January 22, 1913, Company
M, First Infantry.
Lynchburg, January 23, 1913, Head-
quarters Third Battalion and Company
E, First Infantry.
Roanoke, January 24, 1913, Company
F, Second, and regimental subsistence
property.
Staunton, February 3, 1913, Head-
quarters and Band, First Infantry.
Staunton, February 4, 1913, Com-
pany K, First, and Company A, Second
Infantry.
Charlottesville, February 5, 1913,
Company D, First Infantry.
Culpeper, February 6, 1913, Head-
quarters Third Battalion and Com-
pany B, Second Infantry.
Warrenton, February 7, 1913, Com-
pany C, Second Infantry.
Leesburg, February 17, 1913, Com-
pany H, First Infantry.
Alexandria, February 18, 1913, Head-
quarters Second Battalion and Com-
pany G, First Infantry.
Fredericksburg, February 19, 1913,
Company L, First Infantry.
Emporia, February 20, 1913, Com-
pany M, Fourth Infantry.
Suffolk, February 21, 1913, Head-
quarters Third Battalion and Com-
pany F, Fourth Infantry.
Newport News, March 6, 1913, Com-
pany C, Fourth Infantry.
Portsmouth, March 7, 1913, Head-
quarters First Battalion and Companies
K and L, Fourth Infantry.
Norfolk, March 10, 1913, Head-
quarters First Brigade, paymaster-
general's office, judge advocate gen-
eral's office.
Norfolk, March 11, 1913, Headquarters
Band, and Headquarters Second Bat-
talion and Company A, Fourth Infan-
try.
Norfolk, March 12, 1913, Companies
B, D and E, Fourth Infantry.
Richmond, March 13, 1913, Head-
quarters band, and Companies A and B,
Richmond Light Infantry Blues Bat-
talion.
Richmond, March 14, 1913, Com-
panies C and D, Richmond Light Infan-
try Blues Battalion.
Richmond, March 17, 1913, Head-
quarters First Battalion, and Com-
panies A and B, First Infantry.
Richmond, March 18, 1913, Com-
panies C and F, First Infantry.
Richmond, March 19, 1913, Adjutant-
General's office, State Arsenal and
store rooms and Inspector-General's
office.
Farmville, March 20, 1913, Company
I, First Infantry.

Bond Issue Is Attacked.

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ing the Southern Railway Company's
disavowal of its purpose to attack the
road bond issue of \$200,000 recently
issued by Sullivan County, Tennessee,
Samuel L. King, of Bristol, has in-
stituted a suit, seeking to declare the
bonds unconstitutional upon the
ground that Bristol property owners
are double taxed to pay for streets
and also for pike roads in the county.

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He Is Charged With Having Used Money
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These include J. K. and E. L. Musick,
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